

Virginia Air Board
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Dear Air Board-

Northern Va. Region
Dept. of Env. Quality

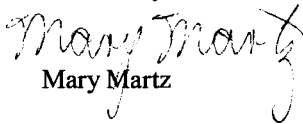
As a resident of more than 20 years, it amazes me that we allow the City Council to interfere with an issue as important as improvements to our energy supply for nothing more than political gain. They have spent the last several years and millions in tax dollars to do what they can to force the closing of the Potomac River Generating Station.

For some reason, they do not seem to realize we are already facing power outages due to supply issues. In some areas this is a weekly occurrence affecting not just daily life, but work productivity as well. Working to close a plant that adds enough power into the grid to power more than 482,000 homes will only compound an already serious problem.

Mirant has done the research and committed to investing 30 million dollars to improve the plant, making it even friendlier to our local environment. The stack merge project has been endorsed by Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality, yet the City Council seems bent on defying all current advice and evidence to try and close them down.

Do not let politics and the agenda of a few override the needs of our citizens. Approve the steps Mirant is seeking to take and allow them to continue to provide for the energy needs of our people, while improving the quality of air in Alexandria.

Yours truly,


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